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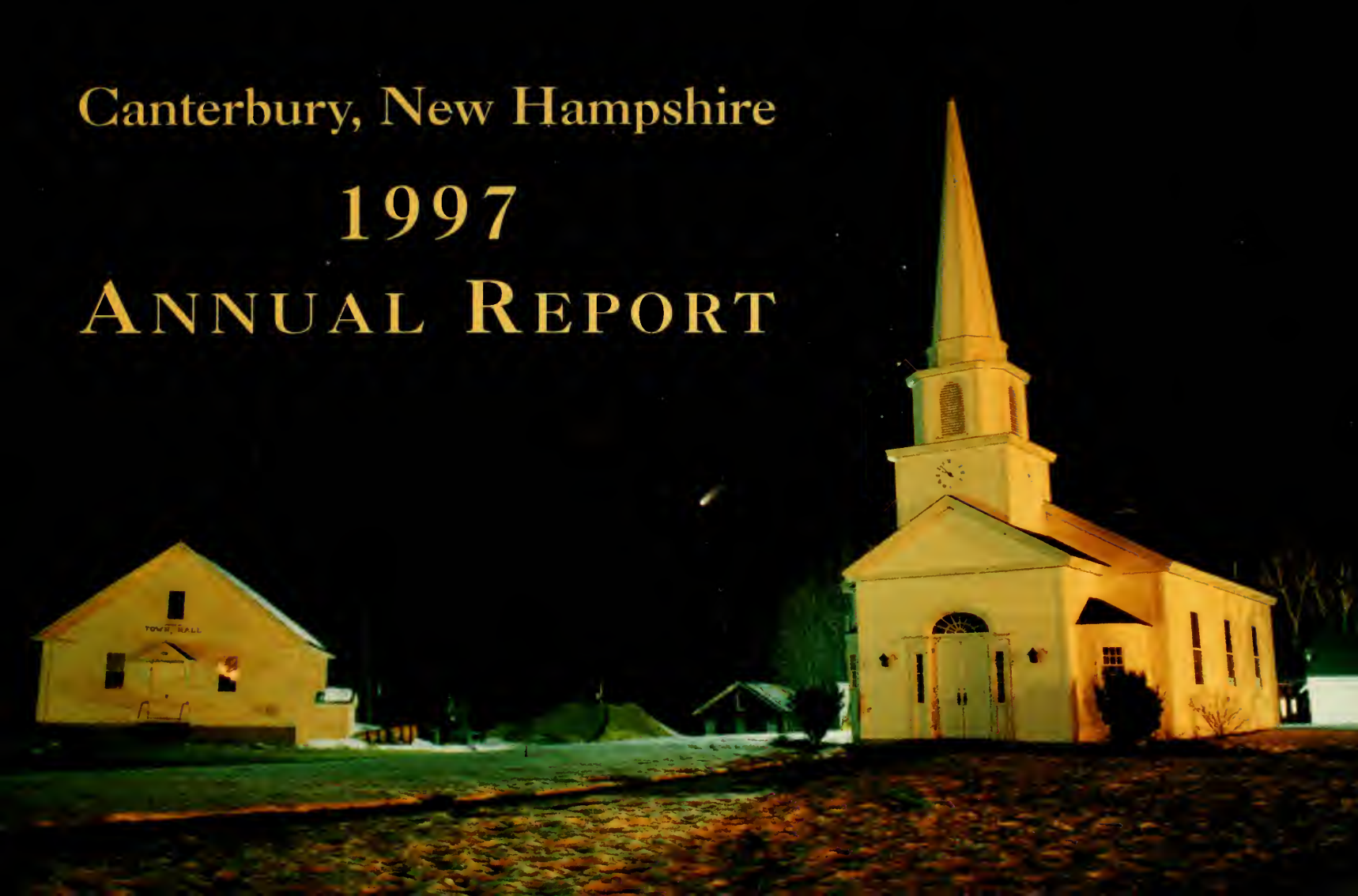
1997 Annual Report



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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF

The Canterbury Shaker Meeting House 1792

HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN,
TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR,
HEALTH OFFICER, ROAD AGENT,
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS,
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

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DEDICATION

This 1997 Annual Report
of the Town of Canterbury, New Hampshire
is dedicated to

OLIVER AND MARY ELLEN FIFIELD

Olly and Mary Ellen Fifield have been serving the Town of Canterbury for over 40 years. For this, the Canterbury Board of Selectmen is proud to dedicate this Annual Report to them.

Both were public and Sunday school teachers, 4-H leaders and Selectmen, have worked on the Canterbury Fair and offered their "ice cutting" as a mid-winter treat for years.

Mary Ellen, a Canterbury native, helped centralize Canterbury's elementary schools, served on the Canterbury School Board and three cooperative school study committees.

Olly was Town Moderator. An Army veteran, he placed the Town's Veterans Memorials and chaired the town's bandstand building committee. He has also served on the church's Stewardship Committee, organizing its food distribution program, and The Spruces Board of Directors.

Thank you Mary Ellen and Olly Fifield!

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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected)

Selectmen (3 Yrs.)
Priscilla Lockwood, Chairman (1998)
Frank A. Tupper (1999)
Michael Capone (2000)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)
Cheryl A. Gordon (1998)

Treasurer (1 Yr.)
Sewall G. Smith (1998)

Moderator (2 Yrs.)
Wayne Mann (1998)

School Board (3 Yrs.)
Peter McDonald (2000)
MaryJo Haney (1998)

Planning Board (3 Yrs.)
James Bassett, Chairman (1998)
Dan Crean, Vice-Chairman (1998)
Cleve Kapala (1998)
Graham Chynoweth (2000)
Laurie Rauseo (2000)
Donna Leonard (1999)
Michael Capone, Selectmen's Representative
Alternates:
Melissa Dudley (1998)
Jim Snyder (1999)
Donald Burgess (2000)

Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)
Virginia Dudley (1998)
Hugh R. Fifield (2000)
Regina Lamprey (1999)

Supervisors of Checklist (6 Yrs.)
MaryAnn Winograd (1998)
Marcia Scarponi (2000)
Brenda Murray (2002)

Library Trustees (3 Yrs.)
Emily Eddy, Chairperson (1998)
Karla Roth, Treasurer (1998)
Thomas Roy (1998)
Philip Holmes (1999)
Claudia Leidinger (1999)
Susan Buchholz (2000)
Sara Head (2000)

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)
Kent Ruesswick, Chairman (1999)
Nancy Lilly (2000)
Marcia Scarponi (1998)

State Representatives
Robert Lockwood-Canterbury
Stephen Adams-Pittsfield
David Larrabee-Loudon
Roy Maxfield-Loudon

State Senator
Amy Patenaude

TOWN OFFICERS

(Appointed)

Clerk of the Board
Jean H. Bezanson

Assistant Clerk of the Board
Kathryn K. Dickson

Road Agent
Philip K. Stone, Jr.

Police
Jeffrey Miller, Chief
Arthur Merrigan, Jr., Officer
Kenneth L. Pierce III, Officer

Health Officer
Dr. Ellen Bassett, Public Health
Charles Head, Sewage Disposal

Fire Warden/Civil Defense Director
Dale Caswell

Deputy Town Clerk
Kathryn K. Dickson

Assistant Deputy Town Clerk
Janice Stout

Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)
Kenneth Sorlin (1998)
Briggs Lockwood (1999)
Mary Ellen Fifield (1999)
George Glines (1999)
John S. Pratt (2000)
Sewall Smith (2000)
Andrew Scanlon (2000)

Board of Adjustment (3 Yrs.)
Joseph Halla, Chairman (2000)
Michael Winograd (2000)
David Scanlon (1998)
Kent Ruesswick (1998)
Kenneth Sorlin (1998)
Alternates:
Barbie Tilton (2000)
Robert Buchholz (1998)
Webster Stout (1998)

Conservation Commission (3 Yrs.)
Robert Fife, Chairman (1998)
Robert Quinn (1998)
Paul Sanborn (1998)
Kenneth Stern (1999)
Peter Hofman (2000)
Teresa C. Wyman (1999)
Alternates:
Victoria Chase (2000)
David Rauseo (1999)

Librarian
Susan Holmes, Librarian
Wesley Noyes, Asst. Librarian
Elaine DiStefano, Asst. Librarian

Fire Department
Dale Caswell, Chief
Scott Ruesswick, Deputy Chief

Building Inspector
Jim Snyder

Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)
Mason Newick, Chairman (1998)
Kenneth Robichaud (1999)
Heidi Hutchinson (2000)
Harold Bowley (2000)
Peter Blanchette (2000)

Historic District Commission (3 Yrs.)
David Lamb, Chairman (1998)
Jeff Brillhart (1999)
Ethel Scanlon (1999)
Virginia Laplante (1999)
Frank A. Tupper, Selectmen's Representative
Alternates:
Steve Booth (1998)

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canterbury Elementary School in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1998, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see how the Town will vote on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot:

Question 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would state that landing strips are not considered to be accessory uses for any property in the town under the Canterbury Zoning Ordinance.

Question 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would allow golf courses to be approved as a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, except that they would not be allowed in the Industrial Zone, the Center Historic District, and the Shaker Village Museum Preservation District.

Question 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would allow the Zoning Board of Adjustment to approve special exceptions to waive dimensional re-

quirements where necessary to provide for reasonable accommodation of individuals with disabilities under Federal law.

Question 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 to the existing Town Zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would add a new article to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate the location of cellular and other personal communications facilities, such as towers and antennas.

SECOND SESSION

The second session shall be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the 13th day of March, 1998, at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

3. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-one thousand dollars ($41,000) for the purchase of a dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund and five thousand dollars ($5,000) from the Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) is to come from general taxation. Recommended by the selectmen

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be applied as its share of the cost of removing the half bridge over the Merrimack River at the end of Hannah Dustin Drive. Recommended by the selectmen

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars ($10,159) to purchase the police cruiser presently under lease. Recommended by the selectmen

7. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new library or for capital improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be placed

in this fund. Recommended by the selectmen

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars ($2,800) for the purchase of a computer for the Police Department. Recommended by the selectmen

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred ninety dollars ($3,590) for the repair of the roof of the Center bandstand. Recommended by the selectmen

10. To see if the town will vote to establish a Technology and Infrastructure Committee. This Committee will monitor developments in the economy and regulatory environment pertaining to utilities, energy, telecommunications, and related matters, as they may affect the Town of Canterbury, and will make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Town on actions or positions which might benefit the Town. The Committee will consist of 5 persons appointed by the Board of Selectmen for staggered 3-year terms. Requested by the Planning Board

11. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19, to authorize the selectmen to accept and hold in trust, gifts, legacies, and devises, which are made to the Town for public purposes. This authority to accept trust shall remain in effect indefinitely until rescinded by further vote of Town Meeting.

12. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e, to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Town for any public purposes, provided that the acceptance of such personal property shall not be deemed to bind the Town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

13. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 674:40-a, to authorize the selectmen to accept dedicated streets on behalf of the Town provided that such dedicated street corresponds in its location and lines with the street shown on a subdivision plat, site plan, or street plat approved by the Planning Board.

14. WHEREAS, Canterbury residents place a high value on maintaining quiet living conditions, Shaker Village, a scenic natural en-

vironment, and a small town atmosphere, according to the recent Planning Board Survey;

WHEREAS, many Canterbury residents testified at the November 10, 1997, special meeting at the Town Hall that traffic and noise from the New Hampshire International Speedway disturb their peace and quiet;

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire International Speedway has announced plans to further expand to more than 100,000 seats; and

WHEREAS, operation and expansion of the New Hampshire International Speedway may have a negative impact on Canterbury property values;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the people of Canterbury call on the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and other elected officials to continue their efforts to monitor operation and expansion of the New Hampshire International Speedway and take appropriate steps to lessen its detrimental effects on local residents and our community. (By Petition) Recommended by the selectmen

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Priscilla Lockwood, Chairman
Frank Tupper
Michael Capone

Board of Selectmen

1998 BUDGET FOR CANTERBURY

	1997 Appr.	Spent 31 Dec. 97	1998 Appr.	Increase/ (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Officer's Salaries				
Selectmen's Salaries	$6,100	$6,100.00	$6,100	$0
Hourly Clerical Employees	26,500	28,843.05	27,295	795
Town Clerk Salary	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	0
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	7,000	6,008.75	7,210	210
Town Clerk Fees	7,000	3,618.00	7,000	0
Tax Collector Salary	11,500	11,500.00	11,500	0
Tax Collector Fees	2,500	1,501.99	2,500	0
Treasurer's Salary	3,000	3,000.00	3,000	0
Plate Sticker Fee	2,300	1,713.11	2,300	0
	$66,900	$63,284.90	$67,905	$1,005
Town Officer's Expenses				
Health Insurance	$3,000	$3,294.87	3,373	$373
Office Equip Repairs	500	130.00	500	0
Registry of Deeds	500	591.72	500	0
Postage	3,000	3,538.06	3,000	0
Selectmen's Seminars	100	0.00	100	0
Data Processing Services	2,000	1,834.40	2,000	0
Tax Map Maintenance	750	0.00	0	(750)
Telephone (Town Offices)	1,200	1,043.33	1,200.00	0
Printing (Selectmen & Town Clerk)	250	196.82	250	0
Printing Town Report	4,000	3,948.00	4,000	0
Office Supplies – Sel. & Tax Collector	2,500	2,217.83	2,500	0
Office Equipment	1,500	104.00	200	(1,300)
Marriage License Fees to State	300	576.00	300	0
Town Clerk & Tax Coll. seminars	300	214.68	300	0
Dog Tags	200	722.02	700	500
Petty Cash – C. Gordon	150	150.00	150	0
Outside Auditing Services	4,300	4,200.00	4,200	($100)
Town Clerk & Tax Coll. Advertising	50	0.00	0	($50)
	$24,600	$22,761.73	$23,323	($1,277)
Election & Registration Expenses				
Election & Registration Wages	$ 400	$292.44	$1,240	($840)
Voter Checklists	30	0.00	135	105
Election Advertising	40	34.24	90	50
Election Misc. Supplies	305	505.00	2,300	1,995
Elec. Voting Machine (3 Yrs. Lease)	2,500	2,129.42	0	($2,500)
	$3,275	2,961.10	3,765	490
Cemeteries				
Cemetery - Lawn Mowing				
Cemeteries Wages	$ 6,000	6,297.00	$ 6,000	$0
Cemeteries Sub-contracted Help	0	0.00	0	0
Cemeteries - Equipment Repairs	150	91.09	100	($50)
Cemeteries Misc. Supplies	100	0	0	($100)
Cemeteries Gasoline & Oil	200	0,00	300	$100
Cemeteries Parts & Supplies	500	109.64	100	($400)
	$6,950	$6,497.73	$6,500	($450)

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	1997 Appr.	Spent 31 Dec. 97	1998 Appr.	Increase/ (Decrease)
General Government Buildings				
Canterbury Center Electricity	$200	$186.41	$200	$0
Town Hall Maintenance	500	157.70	$100	(400)
Town Hall Electricity	150	197.16	200	$50
Town Hall Heating Oil	$200	$0.00	$100	(100)
Highway/Fire Dept. Maintenance	2,000	1,416.55	1,000	(1,000)
Highway/Fire Dept. Electricity	2,000	1,983.21	2,000	0
Highway/Fire Dept. Heating Oil	500	153.70	300	(200)
Sam Lake House Maintenance	3,000	1,801.21	2,500	(500)
Sam Lake House Electricity	1,200	1,029.70	1,100	(100)
Same Lake House Heating Oil	1,000	1,080.77	1,000	0
Police Dept. Building Maintenance	50	324.40	50	0
Police Dept. Building Electricity	500	393.54	500	0
Historical Society Maintenance	100	0.00	100	0
Historical Society Electricity	200	221.65	200	0
Police Dept. Heating Oil	500	1,015.29	500	0
Town Bldg. Emerg. Fund Inc., Lib. Damage	3,000	998.68	3,000	0
	$15,100	$10,959.97	$12,850	($2,250)
Reappraisal of Property				
Property Appraisals	$ 2,000	$2,590.00	$3,000	$1,000
	$ 2,000	$2,590.00	$3,000	$1,000
Planning and Zoning				
Planning Board Sec. Wages	$1,400	$1,466.25	$1,400	$0
Planning Board Seminars	100	0.00	100	0
Planning Board Registry of Deeds	25	0.00	0	(25)
Planning Board Prof. Services	500	0.00	300	(200)
Planning Board Postage	500	336.48	500	0
Planning Board Advertising	250	79.88	100	(150)
Planning Board Printing	1,100	895.30	1,000	(100)
Planning Board Supplies	75	205.34	75	0
Planning Board Equipment	50	0.00	50	0
Board of Adjustment Sec. Salary	750	318.75	750	0
Board of Adjustment Seminars	50	0.00	50	0
Board of Adjustment Postage	100	130.00	100	0
Board of Adjustment Advertising	500	271.27	500	0
Board of Adjustment Printing	0	0.00	0	0
Board of Adjustment Supplies	50	35.00	50	0
	$5,450	$3,738.27	$4,975	($475)
Legal Expenses				
Attorney Expense	$3,000	$5,572.15	$5,000	$2,000
	$3,000	$5,572.15	$5,000	$2,000
Regional Associations				
N.H. Resource Recovery Assn.	$150	$110.33	$150	$0
Town Clerk/Tax Coll. Assn. Dues	50	45.00	45	(5)
Central NH Planning Commission	1,573	1,573.00	1,594	21
N.H.M.A. Membership	600	762.39	800	200
Assn. of Assessing Officials Dues	20	20.00	20	0
Regional/COnc. Solid Waste Co-op	20	0.00	20	0
Upper Merrimack River Comm.	50	5.00	25	(25)
Fed. DOT Drug Testing	210	115.00	200	(10)
	$2,673.00	$2630.72	$2,854.00	$181

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Police Department				
Police Dept. Wages	$72,000	$33,969.13	$72,000	$0
Police Dept. Cruiser Maintenance	2,500	2,988.53	2,500	0
Police Dept. Health Insurance	3,000	3,023.46	6,600	3,600
Police Dept. Telephone	2,000	1,679.01	2,500	500
Police Dept. Dispatch Svcs.	4,375	4,343.00	6,575	2,200
Police Dept. Radios & Repairs	1,100	4,582.05	1,100	0
Police Dept. Office Supplies	400	1,304.31	750	350
Police Dept. Uniforms	600	1,848.06	600	0
Police Dept. Gasoline	2,500	2,320.04	3,000	500
Police Dept. Misc. Supplies & New Equip.	750	2,897.75	900	150
Police Dept. Retirement	1,500	2,547.97	3,300	1,800
Police Dept. Sub-Cont.	12,000	11,826.00	12,000	0
Police Dept. Pt. Time Prosc.	0	0.00	500	500
Police Dept. Seminars, Dues & Subscrip.	500	125.00	500	0
	$103,225	$73,454.31	$112,825	$9,600
Fire Department				
Fire Dept. Reimbursement	$4,400	$4,400.00	$4,400	$0
Fire Dept. Forest Fire Costs	800	115.36	800	0
Fire Dept. Vehicle Maintenance	4,000	1,620.71	4,000	0
Fire Dept. Training & Prevention	1,000	224.85	500	(500)
Fire Dept. Dispatch Services	10,691	10,531.00	9,716	(975)
Fire Dept. Radios & Repair	3,500	5,234.23	5,000	1,500
Fire Dept. Misc. Supplies - Water Sources.	1,000	914.48	1,000	0
Fire Dept. Gasoline & Oil.	1,000	1,575.15	800	(200)
Fire Dept. Replacement Equip.	8,200	11,060.76	6,200	(2,000)
Fire Dept. Office Equipment	200	202.05	200	0
Fire Dept. Medical Training	1,000	75.00	1,000	0
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies & Equip.	2,000	4,394.80	3,500	1,500
Fire Dept. Firefighting Equip. Maint.	2,000	789.70	3,000	1,000
	$39,791	$41,138.09	$40,116	$325
Civil Defense	$1	$0.00	$1	$0
Building Inspection				
Building Inspector Salary	$2,500	$2,308.76	$2,500	$0
Building Inspector Supplies	250	125.99	150	(100)
Building Inspector Seminars	300	250.00	100	(200)
	$3,050	$2,684.75	$2,750	($300)
Highway Dept. Town Maintenance				
Highway Dept. Wages	$100,000	$99,032.74	$113,000	$13,000
Highway Dept. - Subcontract Help.	5,000	2,790.00	5,000	0
Highway Dept. Salt.	10,000	7,772.12	10,000	0
Highway Dept. Sand & Gravel.	30,000	30,411.22	30,000	0
Highway Dept. Culverts & Bridges	1,500	1,874.03	1,500	0
Highway Dept. Road Tar	20,000	20,360.97	20,000	0
Highway Dept. Road Imp. Projects	34,000	23,917.94	34,000	0
	$200,500	$186,159.02	$213,500	$13,000

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General Highway Dept. Expenses				
Highway Dept. Equipment Repairs	$15,000	$12,912.37	$15,000	$0
Highway Dept. BC/BS & Disabil. Ins.	13,500	10,973.56	13,500	0
Highway Dept. Telephone	500	482.99	500	0
Highway Dept. Misc Supplies	800	2,169.69	1,000	200
Highway Dept. Gasoline & Diesel	13,000	12,558.55	13,000	0
Highway Dept. Tires	3,000	1,581.18	3,000	0
	$45,800	$40,678.34	$46,000	$200
Street Lighting				
Street Lightning Electricity	$1,000	$1,135.80	$1,100	$100
	$1,000	$1,135.80	$1,100	$100
Sanitation				
Solid Waste Disposal				
Solid Waste Wages	$15,000	$14,634.00	$15,000	$0
Solid Waste Recycling Services	16,000	6,615.30	6,000	(10,000)
Solid Waste Repairs - Trans. & Truck	2,000	2,662.51	2,000	0
Solid Waste Telephone	300	343.94	350	50
Solid Waste Supplies	50	0.00	50	0
Solid Waste Electricity	600	777.80	700	100
Solid Waste Fuel Oil	100	415.79	150	50
Solid Waste Co-op Fee-Ash Disp.	26,000	22,390.97	25,000	(1,000)
Central NH Waste Disp.	1	0.00	1	0
Recycling Building	1,500	0.00	0	(1,500)
	$61,551	$47,840.31	$49,251	($12,300)
Hospitals & Ambulances				
Hospital Appropriation	$700	$700.00	$700	$0
Penacook Rescue Squad	12,740	12,740.00	20,000	7,260
Belmont Resuce Squad	500	500	5,000	4,500
	$13,940	$13,940.00	$25,700	$11,760
Animal Control				
Dog Costs (SPCA)	$150	$0.00	$150	$0
Vital Statistics				
Vital Statistics Fees	$50	$72.00	$50	$0
General Assistance				
Comm. Action Program	$1,408	$1,408.00	$1,549	$141
General Assistance	3,000	3,085.19	3,000	0
Old Age Assistance	500	0.00	0	(500)
Aid to Disabled (VNA)	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	0
	$5,908	$5,493.19	$5,549	($359)
Elkins Library Appropriation				
Librarian Salaries	$14,466	$14,466.00	$16,000	$1,534
Maint. Repair	1,021	1,021.00	1,059	38
Books/Mag./Tapes	4,713	4,713.00	5,183	470
Dues/Mtgs./Education	370	370.00	390	20
Social Security	1,336	1,336.00	0	(1,336)
Telephone	750	750.00	750	0
Oil	650	650.00	650	0
Electricity	700	700.00	700	0
Postage	200	200.00	200	0

1998 BUDGET FOR CANTERBURY

Equip. Supplies (Maint. & Office)	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	0
Programs/Misc.	400	400.00	500	100
	$26,106	$26,106.00	$26,932	$826
Historic District Commission				
Historic Distr. Sec. Wages	$500	$93.75	$250	($250)
Historic Distr. Postage	40	20.00	40	0
Historic Distr. Printing	50	0.00	50	0
Historic Distr. Supplies	10	0.00	10	0
	$600	$113.75	$350	($250)
Canterbury Economic Devel. Comm.				
Canterbury Econ. Dev. Comm. Approp.	$100	$10.00	$1,000	$900
	$100	$10.00	$1,000	$900
Parks & Recreation				
Recreation Comm. Repairs	$450	$0.00	$250	($200)
Recreation Comm. Equipment	300	0.00	250	(50)
	$750	$0.00	$500	($250)
Patriotic Purposes				
Memorial Day Expenses	$100	$ 35.00	$100	$0
Fourth of July Expenses	900	800.00	900	0
	$1,000	$835	$1,000	$0
Conservation Commission				
Conservation Comm. Dues	$150	$160.00	$150	$0
Conservation Comm. Postage	100	58.94	80	(20)
Conservation Comm. Prtg. & Adv.	0	0.00	100	100
Conservation Comm. Supplies	200	306.13	400	200
Conservation Land Mgmt.	0	0.00	0	0
Cons. Youth Camp.	0	0.00	0	0
	$450	$525.07	$730	$280
Historical Society				
Historical Society Preserve Exp.	$850	$497.22	$ 600	($250)
Historical Society Misc. Supplies	100	51.97	1001	0
	$950	$549.19	$700	$250
Debt Service				
Principal of Long Term Debt				
Principal Payment Fire Truck	$0	$0.00	$34,000	$34,00
Interest of Long Term Debt				
Interest Payt Fire Truck	$0	$0.00	$9,480	$9,480
Interest of Tax Antic. Notes				
Interest Payt Tax Antic. Notes	$3,000	$0.00	$3,000	$0
FICA Retirement & Pension Cont.				
FICA Retirement	$24,000	$25,320.58	$28,224	$4,224
Insurance				
Insurance	$45,000	$39,081.00	$45,000	$0
Sub-Total	$706,870	$626,132.97	$778,080	$65,880

1998 BUDGET FOR CANTERBURY

Operating Transfers Out				
Highway Equipment	$5,000	$5,000.00	$5,000	$0
Highway Truck	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	0
Highway Grader	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	0
	$15,000	$15,000.00	$15,000	$0
Operating Budget Total	$721,870	$641,132.97	$793,080	$71,210
Warrant Articles				
WA#97-5—PU Truck—Highway (11,317 Capital Reserve)	$16,683	$16,711.81		
WA#97-6—Sidewalk—School to Ctr. (Bal. ISTEA Grant $33,600)	8,400	0.00		
WA#97-7—Houser Museum Repairs.	5,200	1,450.00		
WA#97-8—Roll Off—Recycling Area	3,000	3,000.00		
WA#97-11a—Industrial Survey	1,500	0.00		
WA97-9—Fire Dept. Computer	1,500	0.00		
WA#96-3—Fire Truck ($170,000 Bond)		169,969.00		
WA#96-8—Sam Lake Roof ($4,000 encumbered)		650.47		
WA#95-14 Revaluation (94 Fund Balance)		22,055.00		
WA#98-4 Hwy Dump Truck ($30,000 Capital Reserve)			11,000	
WA#98-5 Removalof Half Bridge.			25,000	
WA#98-6 Cruiser.			10,159	
WA#98-7—Library—Capital Reserve			25,000	
WA#98-8—Police Dept. Computer.			2,800	
WA#98-9—Bandstand Roof Repair			3,590	
Budget Totals				
With Warrant Articles	$758,153	$854,969.25	$870,629	
Shaker Regional School District		$2,121,997.00		
Refunds		26,780.07		
Tax Sales—Tax Coll.		113,284.32		
Merrimack County Tax		216,045.00		
NFS Checks Returned		244.27		
		$3,333,319.91		

REVENUE TO OFFSET 1998 BUDGET

	Est. 1997	Act. 1997	Est. 1998
TAXES			
Yield taxes	$15,000	$8,888	$15,000
Interest & penalties on taxes	50.000	$46,397	$50,000
Land use change tax	$0	$0	$0
Payment in lieu of taxes	$5,000	$4,971	$5,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE			
Shared revenue - Block grant	$40,000	$38,367	$9,285
Highway block grant	$59,108	$61,984	$61,110
Meals & Rooms Tax distributions	$18,918	$18,939	$18,939
Reimb. a/c State Federal Forest Land	$100	$201	$100
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Motor vehicle permit fees	$180,000	$208,810	$200,000
Building permits	$2.500	$2,700	$2,500
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	$6,200	$6,356	$6,400
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from departments	$2,000	$4,400	$4,000
Rent of town property	$0	$0	$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest of Deposits	$20,000	$20,419	$20,000
Miscellaneous	$1,000	$2,234	$2,000
Sale of Town Property	$0	$0	$0
Recycling	$6,000	$5,832	$6,000
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	$10,000	$11,317	$30,000
FUND BALANCE	$50,000	$55,000	$55,000
	$465,826	$496,815	$485,334

Proposed Budget Total	$793,080
Less Estimated Income	$485,334
ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO RAISE BY TAXES IN 1998	$307,746

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

FIRST SESSION
March 11, 1997

The moderator, Wayne Mann, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Cheryl Gordon to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded.

Necessary town officers for the year ensuing were chosen by ballot and the Town voted on zoning amendments (by official ballot) proposed by the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were then counted and the results were as follows:

1997 Ballot

Selectman: 1 position 3 years	
Michael Capone	148
William McAllister	88
Barbie Tilton	83
Treasurer: 1 position 1 year	
Sewall G. Smith	340
Planning Board: 2 positions 3 years	
Donald Burgess	102
Graham Chynoweth	205
Laurie Rauseo	196
Luke J. Smith	124
Cemetery Committee: 1 position 3 years	
Hugh Fifield	27
Cemetery Committee: 1 position 2 years	
Regina Lamprey	282
Library Trustees: 2 positions 3 years	
Susan Buchholz	232
Sara Head	201
Thomas E. Roy	151
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 position 3 years	
Nancy Lilly	45

Results of 1997
Proposed Zoning Changes

Question 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would change Article 5.2D such that residential lots would be required to have road frontage. This amendment also adds a paragraph further defining streets and makes minor changes to other paragraphs. The purpose of the amendment is to bring the Town Ordinance into conformity with recent changes in state law (RSA 674:41.)

Yes 239 No 110

Question 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would change Article 5.2 such that the minimum lot acreage in the Industrial Zone would be decreased from 3 acres to 2 acres.

Yes 251 No 110

Question 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would allow for commercial cluster developments by adding a paragraph to Article 6 in defining the purpose, general standards, requirements for approval, and individual lot design for commercial cluster developments. This amendment would also make minor additions to Article 5.2D2 and Article 5.3C to allow for commercial cluster developments.

Yes 229 No 123

SECOND SESSION
(Business Portion)

March 14, 1997

The adjourned Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 1997, by the moderator Wayne Mann.

The salute to the flag was lead by representatives from Canterbury's Boy Scouts.

The moderator commented on the dedication of the Town Report to retired police chief, Harry Heath, and his many years of service to the Town of Canterbury.

A review of the ground rules was presented. Dan Crean was appointed as parliamentarian for the Town Meeting. The results of the balloting from the first session of the Town Meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, were read by the moderator.

Article 3.

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Doug Ruesswick moved to adopt the budget in the amount of $721,840. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

John Pratt, selectman, went over the budget totaling item by item explaining the increases and decreases.

Jim Miller questioned whether or not the Industrial Committee could do an effective job with just the $100 that was appropriated. Jeff Leidinger, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, stated that members of the committee have made donations of time and materials needed. If Article 11a is passed this evening with an appropriation of $1,500 for the purpose of surveying, the committee anticipates having a balance to use for other costs that may be incurred.

Lisa Carlson stated that she had talked with the road agent, Phil Stone, and there have been concerns in Town with regard to the pavement in front of the Town Garage that is in need of repair. An estimate was received from Pike Industries, and the cost of repairing that area would be approximately $15,000. Lisa moved to increase the operating budget in the amount of $15,000 to cover the cost of repair of the pavement in front of the Town Garage. The

amendment to the budget was seconded. Jim Miller spoke against the amendment.

Bob Lockwood questioned whether or not funds could be used for this purpose from the Sam Lake Trust Fund. Since there is only $1,202 in the Sam Lake Trust Fund, there would not be enough to cover the cost of the repair to the pavement.

Stuart Fifield spoke against the amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment to increase the budget by $15,000 and was defeated.

The original question was moved and the motion to accept the operating budget in the amount of $721,870 was passed.

Article 4.

To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Canterbury based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $26,500; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000. (By Ballot)

Eric Sharpe moved the adoption of this article. Dan Crean seconded.

Selectman Priscilla Lockwood explained that the 1996 Legislature repealed all of the existing Elderly Exemptions and replaced them with RSA 72:39-b, establishing new minimum requirements for one uniform Elderly Exemption. The main change from prior law is that all income is now treated equally when determining income limits. Social security income is no longer excluded. To balance this, the minimum income limits a town can adopt have been raised.

As a ballot vote was required for this article, the polls were declared open for one hour from 7:35 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. Article 4 was passed by a ballot vote of 125 yes and 5 no.

Article 5.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars ($28,000) to purchase a new F350 4x4 pickup truck and authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) from the Capital Reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance of eighteen thousand dollars ($18,000) is to come from general taxation. **Recommended by the selectmen.**

Doug Ruesswick moved the adoption of this article. Jim Miller seconded.

John Pratt explained that the Highway Department wishes to purchase a one-ton four-wheel drive dump truck equipped with a sander body and a Fischer plow. The selectmen felt that the smaller truck would be more economical to use and the areas around the town buildings could be more easily plowed.

Kent Ruesswick, Trustee of Trust Funds, moved to amend the amount to withdraw from Capital Reserve from $10,000 to $11,317.08 (eleven thousand three hundred seventeen dollars and eight cents), which is the balance that is available from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Dan Crean. The amount to come from general taxation would then be reduced from $18,000 to $16,682.92 (sixteen thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars and ninety-two cents.) The amendment was voted on and passed.

Bob Fife spoke in favor of this article.

The question was moved. Article 5 was passed as amended.

Article 6.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) to build a sidewalk parallel to Baptist Road from the Canterbury Elementary School to Kimball Pond Road and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of thirty-one thousand six hundred dollars ($31,600) to offset the appropriation of eight thousand four hundred dollars ($8,400) to be raised through taxes.

Graham Chynoweth moved the adoption of this article. Paul Kruzel seconded.

Frank Tupper explained that the article would have to be increased to $42,000, but the State Department of Transportation will be covering the extra $2,000. He moved to amend the article to read, "to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty two thousand dollars ($42,000) to build a sidewalk parallel to Baptist Road from the Canterbury Elementary School to Kimball Pond Road and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of thirty-three thousand six hundred dollars ($33,600) to offset the appropriation of eight thousand four hundred dollars ($8,400) to be raised through taxes." The town appropriation will not change. The amendment wa seconded and passed. Frank Tupper also mentioned that the selectmen think that the sidewalk is a good idea and they endorse this article.

Graham Chynoweth, chairman of the Sidewalk Committee, explained that the proposal will consist of a five foot wide asphalt sidewalk on the south side of Baptist Road from the school driveway to the corner of Baptist and Kimball Pond Roads. The stone wall on the south side of Baptist Road, from the telephone company building driveway to the library, will be moved south approximately 5-8 feet to make room for the sidewalk. Existing telephone poles would remain in place. The sidewalk would be on the south side of the poles. The State DOT is responsible for the design and construction of the sidewalk in consultation with the Town. Graham Chynoweth spoke in favor of this article expressing the need for the sidewalk for safety reasons. The Shaker Regional School District will be responsible for the maintenance of the portion of the sidewalk on its property, and the Town's Highway Department will be responsible for the remainder.

Mike Winograd wanted to know if the Historic District Commission has been involved. David Lamb, chairman of the Historic District Commission, stated that they strongly support the sidewalk and they will be working with DOT with regard to the design and construction.

Mary Kruzel, representing the PTO, spoke in favor of this article. She stated that she had conducted a survey and found that the teachers of Canterbury Elementary would be pleased to have a sidewalk so that they could safely take their students for visits to the Elkins Library or the Canterbury Fire Station. The teachers ex-

pressed their concern for the after-school walkers and mentioned many other advantages of the addition of a sidewalk.

Howard Moffett spoke in favor of the sidewalk asking why it could not be extended to the Canterbury Spruces. The original proposal was to construct the sidewalk to the Spruces, but the current estimated cost from DOT to go that much farther would add 50% to the total cost of the project.

Sue Holmes spoke in favor of this article stating that the sidewalk is much needed for safety.

Jim Bassett, chairman of the Planning Board, spoke in favor of this article and stated that the Board unanimously agreed. The Planning Board worked with the Sidewalk Committee and problems were worked through with the DOT.

After considerable discussion the question was moved.

A vote was taken on Article 6 and passed.

Article 7.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars ($5,200) for the repair and replacement of windows and doors at the Elizabeth Houser Museum. **Recommended by the selectmen.**

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. Marlene Hall seconded.

Priscilla Lockwood, selectman, stated that the Elizabeth Houser Museum has not had any maintenance done for a long time and the windows and doors need some attention.

Steve Lowe of the Historical Society explained what the repair and replacement of the windows and doors at the museum would entail.

A vote was taken on Article 7 and passed.

Article 8.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for the purchase of a roll-off for the recycling area. **Recommended by the selectmen.**

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Frank Tupper explained that a roll-off is a long metal container with a cover that will be kept at the recycling center for the purpose of storing hazardous waste until it is picked up.

A vote was taken on Article 8 and passed.

Article 9.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand nine hundred dollars ($1,900) for the purchase of a computer for the Fire Department. **Not recommended by the selectmen.**

Doug Ruesswick moved the adoption of this article. Dale Caswell seconded.

Doug Ruesswick moved to amend the article to reduce the appropriation from one thousand nine hundred dollars ($1,900) to one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500). Since the Fire Department has received donations for the purchase of a computer, they are able to reduce the appropriation. The motion to amend was seconded and passed.

Dan Crean wanted to know why the Fire Department needs a computer. Dale Caswell, Fire Chief, explained that the Fire Department began a fund raiser last summer to replace their computer and after receiving generous donations they were able to purchase 2/3 of the hardware needed. With a computer, reporting to the hospital will be direct. The Fire Department will be able to maintain 911 labeling and keep the addresses updated; they are willing to share the technology and the computer with the police chief.

John Pratt said that the selectmen are not recommending this article because they feel that a study should be done to develop a plan for the purchase of a computer system that all town departments can use. The computer should probably be centrally located in the Sam Lake House to meet all the needs of the town.

Eric Sharpe spoke in favor of the passage of this article.

Paul Kruzel spoke in favor of the purchase of a computer; he felt it would make the Fire Department's job easier.

Hugh Fifield felt this was an unneeded expense for the town; he was opposed to the article.

The question was moved.

A hand vote was taken on Article 9 as amended and was passed by 70 yes and 44 no.

Article 10.

To see if the town will vote to reconstitute the Industrial Development Committee established by vote of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting as the Canterbury Economic Development Committee, consisting of 7 members appointed by the moderator for staggered 3-year terms.

Dan Crean moved the adoption of this article. Peter McDonald seconded.

Jeff Leidinger spoke in favor of this article explaining that there are existing funds available if the Industrial Development Committee serves the role of an economic development committee.

A vote was taken on Article 10 and was passed unanimously.

Article 11.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take the following actions:

(a) To enter into a boundary adjustment with William Rice to realign the Town industrial/commercial property and Rice property to facilitate development thereof as may be approved by the Planning Board, and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) for the purpose of surveying and other costs associated therewith;

(b) With the advise of the Economic Development Committee, to sell or lease lots within the Town Industrial/Commercial Area at Exit 18 pursuant to a subdivision plan to be approved by the Canterbury Planning Board.

Recommended by the selectmen

Dan Crean moved the adoption of this article. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Jeff Leidinger spoke to the first part of this article displaying a plan proposing to move the property line so that there is an even exchange of land between the Rices and the Town. The appropriation of $1,500 for the problematic boundary adjustment is to be a shared expense between the Rices and the Town and will allow us to have a formal survey for the town-owned industrial land. The purpose of the survey is to increase the utility of the entire industrial site.

Dan crean spoke to the second part of this article explaining that the purpose of this article is to authorize the selectmen with the advice of the Economic Development Committee and with the prior approval of the Planning Board to begin development of the town industrial/commercial area at Exit 18 as soon as we have someone interested in buying or leasing the land. We will need to move with relative speed as soon as we have an interested party.

Ken Stern spoke in favor of this article; he felt it is in the Town's best interest.

Bob Lockwood spoke strongly in favor of the passage of this article; he is glad to see that something is finally being done with the industrial land.

A vote was taken on Article 11 and passed. The moderator commended the Industrial Development Committee consisting of Jeff Leidinger (chairman), Dan Crean, Bill Rice, Earl Hall, Judy Elliot, Peter Hofman, Chance Anderson, and Dwight Keeler for their accomplishments.

Article 12.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Peter McDonald reminded the people to attend the school meeting the following week.

Robert Lockwood moved to authorize the moderator to appoint a five member committee to develop a plan to coordinate the purchase, installation and maintenance of computers for the various town departments, said plan to be presented to the selectmen for implementation. Graham Chynoweth seconded. All were in favor of the resolution.

Priscilla Lockwood discussed the increased cost of mailing town reports. Priscilla moved that they dispense with the mailing of the town reports and have them available at the Canterbury Country Store and the Sam Lake House. The motion as seconded and after a hand vote the motion was passed.

Dan Crean asked that the records show the Town's appreciation to John Pratt for the many years he served as selectman. John received a standing ovation. Frank Tupper presented John with a giant cookie that he had baked especially for John with his name on it.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Dickson for
Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk

1997 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	1997 Approp.	1997 Spent	(Over)/ Under	Encumb. to 1998
General Government				
Executive	$46,650.00	$46,538.00	$112.00	$750.00
Elections & Registrations & Vital Statistics	22,975.00	18,655.00	4,320.00	
Financial Administration	27,200.00	26,477.00	723.00	
Legal Expense	3,000.00	5,572.00	(2,572.00)	
Planning & Zoning	5,450.00	3,738.00	1,712.00	
General Government Buildings	15,100.00	10,960.00	4,140.00	
Cemeteries	6,900.00	6,498.00	402.00	
Insurance	45,000.00	39,081.00	5,919.00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,673.00	2,631.00	42.00	
FICA	24,000.00	25,321.00	(1,321.00)	
Public Safety				
Police	103,225.00	73,454.00	29,771.00	
Ambulance	13,240.00	13,240.00	0.00	
Fire	39,791.00	41,138.00	(1,347.00)	
Building Inspection	3,050.00	2,685.00	365.00	
Civil Defense	1.00	0.00	1.00	
Highways, Streets & Bridges				
Administration	150,800.00	142,501.00	8,299.00	
Admin., Highways & Streets	94,000.00	82,462.00	11,538.00	
Bridges	1,500.00	1,874.00	(374.00)	
Street Lighting	1,000.00	1,136.00	(136.00)	
Sanitation				
Admin. & Solid Waste Collection	35,551.00	25,449.00	10,102.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	26,000.00	22,391.00	3,609.00	
Health				
Animal Control	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Hospitals	700.00	700.00	0.00	
Welfare				
General Assistance	5,908.00	5,493.00	415.00	
Culture & Recreation				
Parks & Recreation	750.00	0.00	750.00	
Library	26,106.00	26,106.00	0.00	
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	835.00	165.00	
Historic District Commission	600.00	114.00	486.00	
Historical Society	950.00	549.00	401.00	
Conservation				
Conservation Commission	450.00	525.00	(75.00)	
Economic Development				
Canterbury Economic Dev. Comm.	100.00	10.00	90.00	
Debt Service				
Interest on TANs	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
Operating Transfers Out				
Capital Reserve Funds				
Highway Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Highway Truck	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Highway Grader	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Sub-totals	$721,800.00	$641,133.00	$80,687.00	

	1997 Approp.	1997 Spent	(Over)/ Under	Encumb. to 1998
Capital Outlay				
WA#95-I4 Reval. (Fund Balance)		$22,055.00		
WA#96-3 Fire Truck ($170,000 Bond)		169,969.00		
WA#96-8 Sam Lake Roof ($4,000 encumbered		650.00		
WA#97-5 Highway Truck ($11,317 Capital Reserve)	16,683.00	16,712.00	(29.00)	
WA#97-6 Sidewalk (Bal. lSTEA Grant $33,600)	8,400.00		8,400.00	8,400.00
WA#97-7 Houser Museum Repairs	5,200.00	1,450.00	3,750.00	
WA#97-8 Roll-off/Recycling Area	3,000.00	3,000.00		
WA#97-9 Fire Dept. Computer	1,500.00		1,500.00	
WA#97-11a Industrial Survey	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
	$758,153.00	$854,969.00	$95,808.00	$10,650.00

TOWN OF CANTERBURY LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

December 31, 1997

None for the year of 1997

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK — 1997

Auto Permits 1997 — 2625 Issued	$208,810.00
Dog Licenses 1997 — 174 Issued	$1,070.23
Marriages	$342.00
Vital Searches — 2	$86.00
Miscellaneous (Petty Cash, Filing Fees)	$118.03
	$210,426.26

Cheryl A. Gordon
Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Land	$26,459,029
Residential Buildings	68,042,195
Manufactured Housing	64,800
Commercial/Industrial	543,100
Public Utilities	1,984,000
Total Gross Valuation	$97,093,124
Less Elderly Exemptions	250,000
Solar Exemptions	110,650
Blind Exemptions	45,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	63,250
Net Valuation on which Tax is Computed	$96,624,224
Loss Due to Veteran's Exemptions (118)	11,800
Loss Due to Total Disability (2)	2,800

Town Tax Rate	$3.56
County Tax Rate	$2.22
School Tax Rate	$21.78
Per $1,000 Valuation	$27.56

Current Use Land

Values before application of Current Use	$45,804,240
Values after application of Current Use	26,459,029
Assessed Value Lost	$19,345,211
Number of acres granted for Current Use Exemption	19,738.12

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$208,500.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Library, land and buildings	135,200.00
Furniture and equipment	100,000.00
Police Department Building	32,500.00
Contents	500.00
Garage and Fire Station	306,000.00
Contents	4,000.00
Historical Building	89,800.00
Contents	20,000.00
Sam Lake House and buildings	138,600.00
Contents	10,000.00
Town Dump, land & improvements	85,500.00
Salt Shed Building	25,000.00
Brick and Frame Bandstand	19,900.00
04.021.002 Industrial Site	74,400.00
14.017 Worsted Church Lot	1,100.00
04.015 LO w/s Intervale Rd (Gift)	66,000.00
15.007 Maple Grove Cemetery	25,800.00
Land owned by Conservation Commission:	
08.020 Land on e/s Route 132	10,500.00
08.038.002 LO W/S Kimball Pond Rd	43,200.00
15.013 Land on e/s Abberton Rd. (Gift)	7,900.00
08.041 Land on Kimball Pond (Gift)	43,500.00
11.014 LO e/s Abbott Road	40,800.00
11.033 LO off s/s Baptist Road	28,800.00
12.016 LO Whitney Hill Road	15,900.00
12.028 LO Spendor Meadow	29,000.00
21.017 LO w/s Shoestring Road	403,800.00
08.016.004 Northwest Rd. cons. eas.	6,900.00
11.027.001 LO s/s Baptist Road	5,600.00
Land acquired through Tax Deeds:	
02.001 LO Shore of New Pond	4,700.00
02.022 LO Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700.00
02.137 LO Friar Tuck Road	4,700.00
02.141 LO Friar Tuck Road	4,700.00
02.148 LO Robin Shore Drive	4,700.00
02.150 LO Robin Shore Drive	4,700.00
12.027 LO Spender Meadow	13,900.00

11.035 LO S/S Baptist Road	19,600.00
07.046 LO off E/S Borough Road	24,500.00
02.049.002 LO 34-36 Blue Boar Lane	5,800.00
12.020 LO Spendor Meadow	11,300.00
01.004.001 LO n/s Intervale Road	3,850.00
02.334 LO Island New Pond	4,400.00
02.335 LO Island New Pond	3,200.00
02.231 LO Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700.00
02.252 LO Nottingham Road	4,700.00
02.288 LO Nottingham Road	4,900.00
02.280 LO Gilmanton Road	5,800.00
02.318 LO Blue Boar Land	800.00
04.008 LO E/S Intervale Road	42,100.00
10.005 LO E/S Briar Bush Road	52,400.00
11.031 LO off Baptist Road	22,600.00
11.032 LO off Baptist Road	14,100.00
02.152 LO Robin Shore Drive	4,700.00
13.007 LO e/s Misery Road	45,100.00
16.015 LO e/s Whitney Hill Road	26,900.00
17.004.002 LO off Route 106, Rocky Pd	2,600.00
02.204 Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700.00
02.333.002 Flowage & Dam Rights	2,500.00
01.011 LO n/s Intervale Road T/L	100.00
01.012 LO n/s Intervale Road T/L	300.00
18.002 LO e/s Route 106, s/s Shaw Road	800.00
02.133 23 Friar Tuck Road	4,700.00
04.071 LO n/s North West Road	15,000.00
17.004.014 LO off Route 106	31,400.00
17.004.007 LO off Route 106	17,000.00
17.004.012 LO off Route 106	4,300.00
20.004.024 LO Open Space	1,700.00
20.004.023 LO Open Space	2,800.00
20.004.022 LO Open Space	2,700.00
20.004.021 LO Open Space	3,900.00
20.004.027 LO Open Space	2,100.00
20.004.026 LO Open Space	1,700.00
20.004.028 LO Open Space	1,600.00
20.004.025 LO Open Space	1,700.00
10.015.001 LB 340 Baptist Hill Rd	52,600.00
	$2,476,950.00

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1997

Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$896,163.60
Cash in hands of Selectmen		29,719.12
Sam Lake Income Account		1,261.28
NHIS Youth Fund		6,647.62
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Equipment	$31,121.59	
Highway Trucks	5,000.00	
Revaluation	1,410.15	
Dump Transfer Station	32,639.24	
Road Grader	21,826.80	91,997.78
Conservation Commission —Land Fund		18,411.80
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1997	$220,311.65	
Levies of prior years	13,618.18	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levies of 1996	78,084.20	
Levies of 1995	28,156.55	
Levies of prior years	10,838.87	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	(56,290.00)	294,719.45
		$1,338,920.65

Liabilities and Equity

Encumbrances:		
Landfill Closure	$46,925.00	
Tax Maps	750.00	
Sidewalk—School to Center	8,400.00	
Boundary Adjustment—Industrial Park	1,500.00	$57,575.00
Sam Lake Income Account		1,261.28
NHIS Youth Fund		11,813.22
Conservation Commission Land Fund		24,921.80
Due to School District		939,623.00
Capital Reserve Funds		91,997.78
		$1,127,192.08
Fund Balance		
Unreserved Fund Balance, amount available to reduce 1998 taxes		211,728.57
		$1,338,920.65

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1997

Receipts:	
Tax Collector	$2,877,377.67
Town Clerk	$210,326.26
Municipal Agent	$4,790.00
NH Highway Subsidy	$61,984.01
NH Forest Fire Reimb.	$201.37
NH Revenue Sharing	$38,366.90
NH Rooms/Meals Tax	$18,938.79
Bd. of Adjust. Hearing	$120.25
Current Use Fees	$115.00
Bldg. Permit & Renewal	$2,700.00
Pistol Permits	$50.00
ZBA Fees	$251.50
Bldg. Zoning Ordinances	$101.75
Gift in Lieu of Taxes	$4,971.00
Planning Board Fees	$110.00
Sub-Div. Fees	$180.00
Int. on Investments	$20,419.29
Use of Copier	$12.50
NSF Check Charges	$100.00
Police Reports	$234.00
Other Income	$8,788.20
Recycled Waste	$3,360.44
Transfer Station Fees	$2,471.49
RPB Legacy	($4,217.20)
NHIS Gift	$4,000.00
Bond (5 yr.) Fire Truck	$31.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1997:	$3,255,784.22
Balance on Hand January 1, 1997	$741,957.15
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	$3,997,741.37
LESS:	
Selectmen's Orders Paid	$2,829,019.18
Tax Liens	$113,284.32
Undistributed	$85.00
NSF Checks ret'd	$244.27
County Tax	$216,045.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	$3,158,677.77
Balance on Hand December 31, 1997	$839,063.60

CONVERSATION TRUST FUND

Balance December 31, 1997

Fleet Bank	
Money Market Account	$18,411.80

SAME LAKE INCOME FUND

Balance December 31, 1997

Fleet Bank	
Money Market Account	$1,261.28

NHIS GIFT (for Youth)

Balance December 31, 1997

Citizens Bank	
Certificate of Deposit (6 month)	$6,647.62

TARGET BALANCE

Balance December 31, 1997

Citizen Bank	
Municipal Checking	$57,100.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1997 saw the Selectmen's office spending many hours with the remaining abatements and considerations from the 1996 revaluation. Also, and ongoing are zoning enforcements, specifically concerning the abandoned trailers in Sherwood Forest.

A schedule for department head appointments was set up to facilitate better communications town wide.

Our Police Department was enlarged by the addition of two part-time officers, Ken Pierce and Art Merrigan. We also have the services of Damien who appreciates dog biscuits if anyone is so inclined.

The job of Town Health Officer has been changed to two sections, Public Health and Sewage Disposal. It is believed that the job has become too technical for one person to do both facets.

In the fall the roof on the Sam Lake House was repaired and the Merrimack County Division Program was used to paint both the Sam Lake House and the police station. This worked out very well and we are most appreciative of this program. Volunteers scraped the paint on the police station and we give a big thank you to Lisa Carlson, Al Edelstein and Skip Hayslip for their contribution. Also a thanks to Kevin Bragg for his floral contributions to the Town Center.

The Highway Department worked on Morrill Road this year and has plans to finish Intervale Road in 1998. This office receives many compliments for our road crew and we appreciate their good work.

Paving was done in front of the Town Garage. Since this also benefits the Canterbury Fair, money was requested from the Fair Committee. A sum of $2,000 was donated toward this project.

Much discussion has been centered on the traffic and noise problems resulting from the activities at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon. A formal request was sent from this office to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for a traffic study to be done.

Our thanks and appreciation go to all those people, Town office workers and the many volunteers, who spend many hours helping to make this community a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Lockwood, Chairman
Frank Tupper
Michael Capone

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beg. of Year	1997	1996	1995	Prior
Property Taxes		$278,952.57		
Land Use Change			$2,290.00	
Yield Taxes		$3,848.97	$2,976.67	$3,821.58
Taxes Committed-This Year				
Property Taxes #3110	$2,650,719.00			
Land Use Change #3120	$6,510.00			
Yield Taxes #3185	$8,888.27			
Billing Adj.	$3,453.11			
Supplemental Warrant	$4,046.00			
Overpayment				
Property Taxes	$1,380.35	$145.05		
Interest Collected #3190	$2,333.79	$20,546.22		
TOTAL DEBITS	$2,677,330.52	$303,492.81	$5,266.67	$3,821.58

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	$2,435,197.23	$177,932.12		
Land Use Change	$2,265.00			
Yield Taxes	$8,573.03			
Interest	$2,333.79	$20,546.22		
Conversion to Lien		$100,243.49		
Overpayments	$1,380.35	$145.05		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	$6,053.47	$96.00		
Current Levy Deeded	$1,216.00			
Uncollected Taxes #1080 End of Year:				
Property Taxes	$215,751.41	$680.96		
Land Use Change	$4,245.00		$2,290.00	
Yield Taxes	$315.24	$3,848.97	$2,976.67	$3,821.58
TOTAL CREDITS	$2,677,330.52	$303,492.81	$5,266.67	$3,821.58

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

DEBITS

	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		$72,388.27	$37,960.44	$17,857.37
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	$113,284.52			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2,686.50	7,623.75	10,287.29	2,919.22
Billing Adj.	1,053.91	- 5,892.08	1,079.04	- 994.40
TOTAL DEBITS	$117,024.93	$74,119.94	$49,326.77	$19,782.19

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer Redemptions	$33,125.83	$36,464.97	$31,467.72	$4,186.11
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	2,686.50	7,623.75	10,287.29	2,919.22
Abatements on Unredeemed Taxes	1,758.96	117.84		
Liens Deeded to Municipality	1,369.44	1,756.83	3,110.52	6,299.23
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	78,084.20	28,156.55	4,461.24	6,377.63
TOTAL CREDITS	**$117,024.93**	**$74,119.94**	**$49,326.77**	**$19,782.19**

REPORT FROM THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

It's a never ending job keeping our cemeteries in shape, clearing brush and trees, restoring stone walls, replacing, repairing and resetting existing monuments.

Many favorable comments are received from people who visit our cemeteries. "It has been a pleasure to see some of these old and neglected cemeteries restored again." Due to the efforts of Bill McCallister with the help of Phil Stone and workers, this is a dedicated group. Bill has made new maps and revised old ones.

As for the price of materials, tools and labor is always going up. We feel that at this time we have to raise the price of the cemetery plots from $150.00 to $200.00. This is in line with most other cemeteries. The price increase will be effective June 1, 1998, as it is not feasible to choose a lot during the winter.

Virginia Dudley
Hugh Fifield
Regina Lamprey

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS, SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL, INCOME AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY ON DECEMBER 31, 1997

NAME AND PURPOSE OF TRUST	Principal					Income				
	Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains (Losses)	Withdrawals	Balance at End of Year	Balance at Beginning of Year	Income	Expended	Balance at End of Year	Total Principal & Income
Nonexpendable Trusts:										
Benjamin Whidden—Cong Church	200.00				200.00	12.53	13.43	12.53	13.43	213.43
Lucia Elkins—Library Books	4,000.00				4,000.00	250.52	268.64	250.52	268.64	4,268.64
Lucia Elkins—Library Repairs	1,000.00				1,000.00	62.63	67.16	62.63	67.16	1,067.16
Frank Drew—Library Unrestricted	3,000.00				3,000.00	187.89	201.48	187.89	201.48	3,201.48
Arthur & Mary Mudge—Library	424.00				424.00	26.56	28.48	26.56	28.48	452.48
Perpetual Care—Cemetery Lots	21,325.00	400.00			21,725.00	8,748.02	1,900.67		10,648.69	32,373.69
Cemetery Improvements	6,375.00	200.00			6,575.00	618.57	442.01		1,060.58	7,635.58
Lucia Elkins—S&W Poor	6,987.00				6,987.00	10,710.42	1,118.51	556.00	11,272.93	18,259.93
John Kezar—School District	3,702.10				3,702.10	382.00	258.12	382.00	258.12	3,960.22
Thompson Memorial	500.00				500.00	867.14	86.41		953.55	1,453.55
Benevolent Fund—Glasses/Dental	700.00				700.00	1,914.65	165.25		2,079.90	2,779.90
Canterbury Youth Fund	751.00				751.00	1,684.98	153.96		1,838.94	2,589.94
	48,964.10	600.00	0.00	0.00	49,564.10	25,465.91	4,704.12	1,478.13	28,691.90	78,256.00
Expendable Trusts:										
Capital Reserve Funds—										
Highway Equipment	21,350.00	5,000.00			26,350.00	3,242.00	1,529.59		4,771.59	31,121.59
Highway Trucks	10,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00	5,000.00	1,317.08	(28.89)	1,288.19	(0.00)	5,000.00
Revaluation	0.00				0.00	1,323.77	86.38		1,410.15	1,410.15
Transfer Station	20,000.00				20,000.00	10,640.09	1,999.15		12,639.24	32,639.24
Road Grader	15,000.00	5,000.00			20,000.00	866.53	960.27		1,826.80	21,826.80
	66,350.00	15,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	71,350.00	17,389.47	4,546.50	1,288.19	20,647.78	91,997.78
Totals	**115,314.10**	**15,600.00**	**0.00**	**10,000.00**	**120,914.10**	**42,855.38**	**9,250.62**	**2,766.32**	**49,339.68**	**170,253.78**

1997 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Canterbury Historical Society had a very busy 1997. The exhibit committee put together some very impressive exhibitions in the Museum which was open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 from Memorial weekend to Columbus weekend; July 4 and Fair Day. The Museum was also open by special request. We had school youngsters as well as an elder hostel group from Canterbury Shaker Village visit the museum. The exhibits consisted of "Dolls and Toys", a wonderful collection of early toys and dolls with accessories such as dishes and furniture dating from the 1800's to mid 1900. A collection of early children's books was also on display. The exhibit "Recreation in Canterbury" contained pictures and recreational items such as skis, sleds, skates and fishing equipment. Thank you to all who set up the exhibit, donated items, and came in to view the efforts.

A warrant article was passed in March enabling the Museum to have trim and doors painted and the windows glazed. The trim and doors have been done; 1998 will be the year to begin on the windows.

Steve Lowe, our building maintenance chairperson, built more shelving in the Sam Lake House basement to house curatorial boxes and objects. More shelving will be built in 1998. Bob Fife and Steve Lowe did a great job in controlling the poison ivy around the Museum. The Town Road Crew will be removing overhanging trees that are damaging the roof and the building. Spotlight installation done by Robie's Wiring Service made our exhibit areas much more noticeable this year.

Our programs for Spring 1997 consisted of "Bringing up Baby", "Joys and Trials of Child Rearing in the 18th and 19th Century"; working on the movie, "The Crucible", looking at it from a wranglers point of view; and "New Hampshire German Prisoner of War Camp" near Stark, New Hampshire. Our Fall line-up began with a well attended pot luck and evening discussing recreation in Canterbury during the 20th century. "Life of a Trapper" and "New England Inns and Taverns" followed in late October and early December. The programs were well attended by townspeople and out-of-towners as well. We hope to have more of you joining us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Scripture
President

1997 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

Construction projects in the Town's two Historic Districts were minimal and thus activities for the board were similar.

Most notable was the dialog and coordinated efforts with Shaker Village and the Department of Transportation concerning signage along Shaker Road to move traffic effectively and reduce "visual clutter". We feel it very successful.

We also worked with the Department of Transportation on the school sign and sidewalk projects in the Center District.

As always we welcome public involvement to help define the sense and character of our Town's two districts, and how we wish to pursue them.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lamb, Chairman

ELKINS LIBRARY 1997 REPORT

Elkins Library has had another banner year with circulation up 10%. Included in this figure are more audio and video tapes and more large-print books than ever before. The Library has become so crowded that the Trustees have started exploring expansion possibilities and have established a Building Fund.

Work at the Library during the past year included the creation of the Rita Braskie Memorial Garden. Sara Head and many of those who knew and loved Rita designed the garden. The dedication ceremony was held in early September.

The programs for children during the year included Larry Frates, Magical Artist, who drew caricatures for the children; National Library Week in April and Children's Book Week in November; the July Summer Reading Program "Take Us to Your Readers!", and the annual Holiday Open House in December with Santa. (Art Landry, again we thank you!) The staff visited the elementary school during Children's Book Week to read stories and distribute registration forms. For the summer program, Julie Brillhart and Linda Peters decorated the Children's Room, and Claudia Leidinger taught the children of Grade 3 and up about the constellations in a Starwatch program.

Adult programs featured Mary Ann Quinn who spoke on Furniture Savvy, what to look for in upholstered furniture, and the formation of a new Book Discussion Group which meets the third Tuesday of the month. A very successful Book Sale at the Canterbury Fair was held. Gifts to the Library included generous patron donations for the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium Family Pass and for the Shaker Village Family Pass. In addition the Fraternal Order of the Eagles gave the Library $500.00 in May for the purchase of large print books and audio books.

The Library has been blessed by the efforts of many volunteers, people who have helped in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Eddy, Chairman

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997

Total Circulation of materials:	**14,378**
Adult Fiction	3,544
Adult Non-Fiction	1,146
Youth Fiction	5,122
Youth Non-Fiction	977
Audio Cassettes	1,053
Video Cassettes	2,211
Magazines	325
Materials Purchased in 1997	
Adult Fiction	122
Adult Non-Fiction	63
Youth Fiction	155
Youth Non-Fiction	70
Audio Cassettes	51
Video Cassettes	38
Donations	220

The library welcomed many new families this year and has seen another significant increase of materials being circulated. Inter-library loan services nearly tripled from the previous year with 290 books, audios and videos borrowed from libraries throughout the state and 111 loaned out by Elkins Library.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the many volunteers who have assisted with programs, the book sale, donated materials and their time and energy creating a successful library for the entire community.

Susan Holmes, Director

ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT — 1997

Expenses:	
Salary & Wages	$13,893.11
FICA & Medicare	1,062.86
Bookkeeping	605.00
Telephone	650.97
Postage	327.19
Dues	250.00
Education	738.00
Books	5,003.49
Periodicals	422.87
Audio/Video	621.73
Summer Programs	424.13
Other Programs	117.15
Electricity	681.18
Fuel	1,185.71
Maintenance	348.13
Supplies — Program & Office	1,402.91
Supplies — Maintenance	2.78
Miscellaneous	377.60
Total Expenses	$28,114.81
Income:	
Balance on Hand	0.00
Town Appropriation	$26,106.00
Interest from Library Accounts	389.40
Trust Fund	527.60
Book Fair	837.54
Fines	406.76
Copier	129.73
Gifts & Donations (Restricted & non-restricted)	5,828.12
Miscellaneous	2,527.57
	$36,752.72

RITA BRASKIE MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance	$1,842.03
Expenditure (Garden & Birdbath)	633.94
Final Balance	$1,208.09

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1997 has been a very active year for the police department. As the stats show we at the department have been very busy with vehicular offenses and criminal offenses. We are at present fully staffed with two full time officers, two part-time officers and a trained K-9. The K-9 (Damion) is trained for tracking lost people and criminals. With apprehension training for those criminals who wish to run and hide. A concern we have is for the amount of burglaries we have had this past year. We ask that if you see anything that does not seem right to you, please call the police and let us check the situation.

Another concern is for the traffic which drives our roadways in Canterbury. We will be aggressively working to change the habits of those who do not drive safely, to include those who travel to and from the race track this coming summer.

We at the Canterbury Police Department wish to be a proactive agency for our citizens, and with your support and understanding we can work more efficiently to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Canterbury Police Department at (STATION- 783-0433 or Dispatch 228-1010) in the case that it is an emergency DIAL 911.

Chief Jeff Miller

CANTERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITY SHEET

Accident	40	Medical Emergencies	12
Aid to other dept.	92	Meetings	50
Aid to person	36	Miscellaneous	201
Animals	41	Missing person	1
Arrests	18	Motor vehicle complaints	31
Arson	0	Motor vehicles checkups	54
Assaults	17	Narcotics	2
Attempt to locate	20	Open doors/windows	10
Auto Thefts	3	OHRV complaints	2
Bad checks	5	Offense against family	1
Bomb Threats	0	Paperwork	241
Briefings	57	Phone calls	308
Burglaries	13	Poss. Stolen Property	2
Burglar alarms	27	Property house checks	448
Check files	46	Prop. house chk request	79
Civil problems	10	Psychiatric person	2
Court cases	38	Rape	1
Criminal Mischief	25	Recovered stole property	2
Criminal Trespass	19	Referred to other agency	5
Criminal Threatening	6	Relays	7
Defective equipment	17	Runaways	5
Disorderly conduct	7	Service of paperwork	89
Domestic disturbances	9	Sex offenses	3
False fire alarms	5	Special details	15
Fraud	1	Suicide/attempts	2
Forgery	0	Suspicious person/vehicle	42
Harassing phone calls	12	Theft	17
Hit and Run	3	Town Ordinance	0
Homicides	1	Traffic Summons	62
Intelligence	23	Traffic Warnings	269
Investigations	76	Training	16
Juvenile problems	24	Untimely deaths	2
Liquor laws	12	Unattended deaths	4
Lost and Found	7		

These stats do not reflect the cases State Police responded to and handled while they covered Canterbury.

CANTERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

Categories	Warnings	Summons	Arrest
Speed	205	40	—
Stop Sign	10	0	—
Disobeying an officer			2
Reckless operation	1	0	2
Operating w/o valid license	2	3	0
Op. suspended license	0	2	3
Op. suspended registration	0	0	0
Unregistered	1	1	0
Uninspected	2	0	0
Failure to yield right of way	0	0	0
Seatbelt violation	1	0	0
Bald tires	0	0	0
Equipment violation	17	0	0
Habitual Offender (Felony)	0	0	2
D.W.I. (first offense)	0	0	4
D.W.I. (subsequent offense)	0	0	1
Aggravated D.W.I.	0	0	0
Passing on right	1	1	0
Yellow line violation	4	2	0
No U-turns	2	2	0
Traffic control avoidance	3	10	0
Illegal backing	1	0	0
Tinted glass	1	0	0
Failure to dim headlights	2	0	0
Operating w/o headlamps	1	0	0
Manner of Operation	9	0	0
Following too close	1	1	0

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY FIRE/RESUCE

Canterbury Fire & Rescue is a volunteer organization whose job it is to preserve life and property in the Town of Canterbury. To complete this mission we are trained and equipped to suppress residential and commercial structure fires. We maintain a rescue capability using the "Jaws of Life", air bags, and other extrication and stabilization aids. We fight brush, field, and forest fires, and address a full range of medical emergencies with our EMT's, paramedics, and First Responders. Medical emergency calls are an ever increasing part of our service to townspeople, as are off-the-road rescues involving skiers, snowmobiles, mountain bikers and hikers.

In 1997 we were dispatched 185 times for the following:

64 Medical Aid (EMS) of which 44 were Motor Vehicle Accidents (38 on Interstate 93)

121 Fire Calls consisting of the following:

Mutual Aid assistance	23	Alarm Activation	8
Fire in a building (Canterbury)	5	Fire in a building (Mutual Aid)	10
Odor Investigation (outside)	11	Odor Investigation (inside)	8
Outside fire investigation	10	Brush fire	9
Chimney fire	4	Vehicle fires	5
Forest fire investigations	15	Illegal brush fires	4
Service calls	9		

Our workload has increased dramatically in the last few years. This year alone the number of calls increased by 39.1%. Fourteen members now volunteer their time to train, maintain equipment and respond to calls. Alarmingly, during the daytime hours of the work week, the number of people able to respond to emergency calls is limited. Several area Towns have hired full-time Firefighter/EMT's this past year. Our own conversion to a paid department is only a matter of time, but in the meantime if you would like to help Canterbury people during their emergencies, please consider becoming a volunteer with our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Dale Caswell

CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

During the past year, a small number of subdivision and site plan review applications were submitted to the Planning Board. This level of activity is about the same as we have seen during the past five years. As a result, the Planning Board was able to devote a significant portion of its time and energy to the completion of the Town's master plan, "The Plan for Tomorrow," which was approved in January, 1998. As during the last master plan update in the late 80's, the master plan process has been challenging and very time consuming. The Board expresses its gratitude to those members of our community that helped us create the Plan for Tomorrow. In 1997, the Board also undertook to review and amend the Town's subdivision regulations; this should be completed in early 1998. The Board has developed and submitted four zoning amendments for consideration at the March, 1998, Town Meeting.

At the end of 1997, the ever-increasing impact of the development and use of the New Hampshire International Speedway became a major focus of the Board. NHIS has stated its intention to expand its capacity to 105,000 spectators. The Board actively participated in the site plan review process before the Loudon Planning Board relating to the proposed expansion. As we had hoped, the Loudon Planning Board ultimately required NHIS to perform a noise study, while rejecting Canterbury's request that a traffic study be performed. The Board will continue to work with the Town of Loudon, the Canterbury Selectmen and other townspeople, to address the noise and traffic issues related to NHIS.

In 1998, in addition to acting upon subdivision and site plan applications, the Board plans to devote substantial effort to the adoption of a formal Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP, to be developed pursuant to authorization from the 1996 Town Meeting, will enable the Town to anticipate, prioritize and plan for significant capital expenditures in the years ahead. The Board would welcome the support and help of townspeople in its effort to develop a thoughtful and comprehensive CIP.

Our meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sam Lake House. We invite the participation of everyone in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bassett, Chairman

TOWN OF CANTERBURY
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
1997 REVIEW

Case Number	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
1997-1	David Boles	Special Exception Residence in NRR zone	Granted
1997-2	Mahrheahnnah Ostroth	Special Exception Home Occupation/ Massage Therapist	Granted
1997-3	Cynthia A. & James S. Juneau	Special Exception Home industry/ Manufacture of herbal products, handcrafted soaps, country crafts	Granted
1997-4	Sarah A. Kinter	Special Exception Home Occupation/ Adult counseling & psychotherapy	Granted
1997-5	David Rauseo	Special Exception Home Occupation/ Real estate appraisal business	Granted
1997-6	David Dandurand	Special Exception Accessory Apartment	Granted
1997-7	Paul Kruzel	Special Exception Holographic studio & gallery	Granted
1997-8	Luke Smith	Special Exception Home Occupation/ Antique & Home Craft Shop	Denied
1997-8A	Luke Smith	Motion for Rehearing	Denied

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Many of the outlined goals of the Commission have been accomplished. The goals have been met through the continuing efforts of the commission members, volunteers, and town officials. Special recognition goes to Peter Hofman for implementing yet another grant from N.E.I.P.C.C. and to Bob Quinn for his organizing the work done on "Spender Meadow - Schoodac Trail" project (see separate report). Also we hope Bob will continue his guided nature tours about the town!

Projects that the Commission has been involved in this past year are:

- The acquisition of the 70A parcel off Welch Road — abutting other town owned property for a total of 150A.
- Intervale Riverland Canoe Launch site — improvements have been made by Boy Scout Mike Edwards and his troop. These improvements will be completed this Spring.
- Continuing with the "Soucook River Greenway Association."
- Assisting fill and dredge applicants.
- Monitoring our easement parcels, as well as maintaining other conservation areas.
- Continue evaluating the town's delinquent tax properties.
- Finalizing the Kimball Pond Dam repairs.

Noteworthy is the information sought from Charles (Chuck) Rancour on the "Schoodac" area, meaning "A Place of Wetland," which was derived from an Indian description.

Mark Stevens is commended for his continuing assistance to the Town. Mark has also given many hours to us on the design of the Kimball Pond Dam this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Fife, Chairman
Canterbury Conservation Commission

LAND MANAGEMENT WORK OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Two projects have been the focus of most of our efforts this year. We have started clearing the woody growth from the old fields at the addition to the Kimball Pond property. If left unmanaged these open areas would soon grow up to solid woods. By opening up these fields it will enhance the wildlife value of the land while making it more pleasant to hike through.

At the new Schoodac Conservation and Recreation Area two miles of new hiking and cross country ski trails have been cleared and marked. This property, in one of the wildest areas of Canterbury, is in the heart of one of our top conservation priority areas. The Town now owns over 150 acres of varied terrain and wildlife habitat featuring several impressive beaver wetlands. The new trails tie into existing woods roads and a major snowmobile corridor.

A trail guide and map has been created for the Schoodac property. The guide describes some of the highlights such as the large beaver pond that is an excellent place for wildlife and strange plants, a short trail to a very scenic overlook, and the "Big Tree Loop" with several White Pine trees well over 100 feet tall.

The Schoodac project has been another team effort and special thanks go to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission for their Local Involvement Grant, the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project (for most of the trail work), Road Agent Phil Stone and his crew for clearing and access improvements, local volunteers from Canterbury, Belmont, and Tilton schools (trail work), the students of the Tilton School's Plus Five project (trail guide), the Selectmen (support), the Shaker Nordic Ski Club, the Sno-Shakers, the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, the Conservation Commission members and especially to Peter Hofman for orchestrating the entire project.

We encourage everyone to visit these marvelous areas and let us know what you think of them. Also, if you would like to have some fun working outside please volunteer to help us. Thank you.

Bob Quinn for the Canterbury
Conservation Commission

1997 REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 towns in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and the City of Concord. The Town of Canterbury is a member in good standing with the Commission.

Our mission is to improve, through education, training, and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including telephone consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; models; data and access to data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, GIS mapping, and grant preparation. During 1997, our services in Canterbury included:

Creating and delivering Historic District Inset Maps of the Zoning Map and Base Maps; providing street and right-of-way definitions for zoning ordinance; providing assistance in completing the OSP Recreation Inventory; providing sample planning board rules of procedures; providing "primer" information for planning board members; providing electronic copies of subdivision and site plan review regulations; loaning copies of development handbooks; consulting on technical assistance available for master plan development; and collecting traffic counting data.

During 1997, the Regional Planning Commission:

- Assisted community representatives with implementing management plans for the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers;

- Presented and sponsored educational programs on economic development;
- Hired, oriented, and held a reception to introduce the new Executive Director, Leigh Komornick;
- Distributed informational newsbriefs and announcements on current planning topics;
- Relocated its offices from the Merrimack County Nursing Home to the Summer Street School in Penacook;
- Distributed the zoning amendment calender to assist Towns with the amendment process;
- Conducted about 100 traffic counts on state and local highways;
- Created a new informational brochure about CNHPRC and its services; and
- Enhanced its Geographic Information System program to better serve the needs of member Towns.

For additional information, please contact your town representatives to the Commission, Laurie Rauseao and Michael Capone, or CNHRPC staff.

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT — 1997

Following recommendations from its *Management Plan*, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) implemented many diverse river conservation and protection projects during 1997.

The Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program, a volunteer water quality monitoring program, worked in partnership with state and local government, nonprofit organizations, citizens, students and local businesses to complete its third successful year. The UMRLAC is grateful for the support from the conservation commissions to continue this work. This year, a portion of samples will be processed by a professional laboratory to expedite results and as quality control/quality assurance to increase data credibility and define the role of volunteer-generated data. An additional grant has been applied for to assist the UMRLAC in generating a "State of the Upper Merrimack" report which will detail water quality data including chemical and bacteria testing, habitat surveys and biological assessment using benthic macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects). UMRLAC applied for and received a second grant from the Merrimack River Initiative's Local Involvement Grant Program. The funds were used to purchase equipment and materials to assist UMRLAC volunteers in their continuing efforts in outreach and education in the upper Merrimack River watershed. This year, Governor Shaheen was the special guest of the UMRLAC in observance of Earth Day. The Governor donned waders and used an aquatic kicknet to collect macroinvertebrates and learn about water quality in the upper Merrimack. Other outreach efforts included presentations at the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting, the Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Network Conference, the Appalachian Mountain Club River Leadership School, Merrimack Valley Middle School River Ecology Curriculum, the NH Rivers Management & Protection Program Conference and NH Public Radio's "The Exchange." Bug Identification workshops were held in Franklin High School and at our new partner's facility, St. Paul's School in Concord. New volunteers are always welcome. Please join us and have fun learning about river ecology!

Alicia Lehrer, Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Network Coordinator, assisted the committee in establishing structure and docu-

mentation for their water quality monitoring program. Working with UMRLAC representatives, a fundraising strategy, study design and strategic plan were published. Geoff Dates of the River Watch Network provided assistance with macroinvertebrate identification and a data management system which will assist UMRLAC in interpreting data and producing biological assessment reports.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee is on the Internet! Please visit our website, hosted by the NH Department of Environmental Services, at http://www.state.nh.us/des/uppermel.htm. Included at the site is information on the river, committee membership, activities, maps, water quality data and photographs of UMRLAC volunteers.

Kerrie Diers of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission provided invaluable assistance to UMRLAC. Kerrie worked with UMRLAC representatives to create an implementation model for its *Management Plan* in Canterbury. Future plans include working with Bow and Concord to assist those communities in implementing the *Plan* and assisting the UMRLAC with a strategic planning process.

As part of its state-established duties under RSA 483:8-a, the UMRLAC reviewed and commented on several river-related proposals including the Veteran's Cemetery and agricultural sludge application in Boscawen, the final phase of the Sewall's Fall access site project in Concord, a proposed campground in Canterbury and Army Corps of Engineers plans in Franklin. As always, the representatives thank Jim MacCartney, State Rivers Coordinator for his invaluable assistance and technical support.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee held its annual meeting in October and elected the following slate of officers: Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Steven Lowe, Vice-Chair; Susan Paschell, Secretary and Stephen Robinson, Treasurer. The UMRLAC meetings are held on a rotating basis in the six represented communities. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For meeting schedules, locations and more information, contact Michele Tremblay, Chair, at 796-2615, email at mtrembla@kear.tdsnet.com or your local representative listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association continues to offer three major health services to the residents of Canterbury: Home Care, Hospice and Community Health Services.

Home Care services respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes. Emphasis is on promoting independence and maximum functioning of the patient within the least restrictive setting.

Hospice services provide professional and para-professional services to the terminally ill patient with a limited life expectancy. The goal is to enhance the quality of the patient's remaining life by helping he/she remain at home in comfort and dignity. Emphasis is on pain and symptom management and skilled intervention to meet the patient's special physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

In April of 1994 Hospice expanded its services to provide residential care with the opening of New Hampshire's first Hospice House. To date, this house has provided a home to approximately 248 terminally ill residents.

Community Health services include health education, health maintenance and preventive health services. The program includes preventive care, adult and senior health, child health, Baby's First Homecoming, immunizations for all ages, school linked clinics, parent education and support, health education, nutritional counseling.

Community Health includes health promotion services which focus on the low and marginal income families and individuals to prevent illness by professional assessment and screening for health risks and needs, by early intervention to prevent, eliminate, or minimize the impact of illness and/or disability, and by anticipatory guidance and health teaching. Emphasis is on promoting healthy children, families and individuals through early intervention and health teaching. Services rendered in the clinic setting are: child health, adult screening, and immunizations. Home visits

are made in crisis situations or when needed health care cannot be given in the clinic. Senior health services are provided at congregate housing sites.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home visit or clinic visit.

Anyone in Canterbury may request service; patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. All requests are answered, but continuing home care will only be provided with a physician's order.

A call to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (224-4093) is all that is necessary to start service or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A nurse is on call for hospice and home care patients; (224-4093) 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. daily.

Federal regulations specify a charge is applicable to all visits. Fees are scaled for the individual without health insurance and/or who is unable to pay the full charge. However, to fee scale, federal regulations require a financial statement be completed by the patient or responsible person. Town monies subsidize those visits that are scaled or that no fee is collectible.

This agency is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Provider, licensed by the State of New Hampshire, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and is a member agency of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Total visits made during October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997:

	No. of Clients	**Visits**
Home Care/Hospice	44	1,397
Community Health Services	91	173
Total	135	1,570

Services to children at Oddessey House

4 Adult Bereavement Support Groups
2 Children Bereavement Support Groups
2 Hospice Volunteer Training Groups
17 Bereavement Sessions

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At the 1997 Town Meeting the warrant article to replace the Canterbury Industrial Development Committee with the Canterbury Economic Development Committee was adopted. The broader economic development mission was designed to allow the Committee to serve as a general and specific resource for the Town, property owners and businesses. In this capacity the Committee spent the majority of the past year attempting to identify and attract companies to locate at the Town owned land at Exit 18. Although unsuccessful to date, we have moved toward development of the property and changed our initial focus from numerous small users or one large user to several medium size users. The Committee believes the current development approach has the greatest potential for providing a stable employment and tax base, while insuring the greatest degree of compatible uses. The following paragraphs summarize the Committee's efforts over the past year.

From March 1997 through July 1997 the Committee met and negotiated with DM Management, a large mail order women's clothing supplier, to locate on the town owned property at Exit 18. The company initially proposed the development of a 250,000 sf distribution warehouse, which grew to 500,000 sf, with room for further expansion, by the early summer. After looking at sites throughout the region, DM narrowed the choices to two sites in Canterbury and one in Tilton. Ultimately, the Tilton location was selected due to the size of the site and the availability of public water and sewer. In addition to the Town owned land, two privately owned sites were considered; however, road and site development costs militated against these locations. The DM project would have used most, if not all, of the Town site, effectively limiting additional development at the site. While the Committee was concerned with limiting development to a single user and the potential for having a "white elephant" in the future if the company were sold or relocated, the quality of the project, job creation, and environmentally friendly nature of the business persuaded the Committee of the project's merit. While the selection of the Tilton site was a disappointment, it served to focus the Committee's efforts.

Since July the Committee has approached several area companies regarding locating at the Canterbury site. All of the companies have been New Hampshire firms with ties to the area. As of January 1998, the Committee is working with a firm from the Lakes Region to build a 35,000± sf office and assembly facility at the Town owned land. As part of this effort, development of a marketing package, layout of the access road, subdivision of the site, land swap with the Rices, and utility costs are being reviewed. Proposals from area commercial real estate brokers have been solicited in an attempt to actively market the property outside the region. The Committee is further exploring funding options for underwriting the cost of road construction and community water and fire suppression systems. Concurrent with these efforts, the Committee is preparing a set of development covenants to insure compatible building quality, environmental sensitivity and property uses for the town land.

While the loss of DM Management to Tilton was a disappointment, the activities involved in attracting them to Canterbury expanded our knowledge of the development issues faced by the Town in competing with other area communities for business development. Armed with this knowledge, the Committee is in a better position to actively pursue economic development of commercial and industrial zoned land for the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Canterbury Economic
Development Committee

January 1998

REPORT OF THE UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the areas of Natural Resources and Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by a local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many of the communities in a variety of ways. The Community Profile was held in two communities in the past year. This community event works through a process to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then works through a process that helps form action groups to reach their goals. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness

teams, town office visits, Master Gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our new office, located next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

Back in 1917 a Canterbury Shaker building took a trip. The Shaker Second Family Office, built in 1826, stood on Shaker Road across from the location where David Curtis' house now sits. The Church Family Shakers engaged Frank Hill of Tilton to move the structure to a new foundation next to the Church Family Dwelling House. After substantial remodeling the building became Enfield House, a Sisters' dormitory for elderly Shakers moving to Canterbury from the Enfield community.

The recycling of this venerable Shaker building continued in 1997 as the Village completed a three year project to restore the exterior of Enfield House, and renovate the interior as a modern research center for the museum's important collections of photographs, manuscripts, and books. The grand opening was held on September 12, 1997. Funding was provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gladys Brooks Foundations in New York, and New Hampshire's own Hunt Foundation.

The year witnessed many exciting events from Wood Day to Harvest Day, including a first time classic Car Show to cap a year long celebration of the theme "The Shakers and Their Cars.' The Village published *A Shaker Sisters's Drawings*, featuring the botanical drawings of a Canterbury Sister Cora Helena Sarle, and mounted a new exhibit on recent archeological finds at the Village. The regular season ended once again with a scary, fun-filled community Halloween Party and Haunted Hay Ride. Thanks once again to the hundreds of townspeople who served on our Board, helped organize events, volunteered on countless projects, and visited with family and friends. We hope to see even more of you in 1998.

Scott T. Swank
President
Canterbury Shaker Village

1997 CANTERBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee's major goal for 1997 was to reduce the amount of waste transported to the energy plant in Penacook by 10% (thus increasing the amount Canterbury recycles). The Committee is pleased to report this goal was accomplished. In 1996, Canterbury sent 635 tons of trash to the energy plant in Penacook—an average increase of 26+ tons per year since 1990. In 1997, Canterbury sent 573 tons—a decrease of 62 tons.

The 1996 and 1997 fee to send Canterbury's waste to the energy plant in Penacook is $39 per ton. The GAT (guaranteed annual tonnage), which is set and budgeted for each year, was 550 in 1996 and 560 in 1997. At the end of each year, the town is charged an additional fee (also $39 per ton) for any waste over the year's GAT. In 1996 this additional cost to the town was $3,316 and in 1997 the additional cost was $497.

We can attribute the above savings to the following tasks completed in 1997.

Textiles recycling: The textiles bin in located outside the building. Please refer to the guidelines posted on the bin. There is no cost to the town and the return is three cents a pound.

Swap Shop: A separate building at the Recycling Center was constructed at the end of 1997. The cost to build this shed was budgeted at $1,500. The actual cost was only $663.

Community Composting: Canterbury residents can now recycle their leaves and compostable plant material. A special area has been established at the Recycling Center for this material. The finished compost is available for all town residents. There is no cost to the town.

Informational Pamphlet: This pamphlet is a helpful guideline for the recycling center (available at the recycling center). No cost to the town.

Education: A recycling booth at the Canterbury fair, art displays at the recycling center, displays of recycling information at the Recycling Center.

Job Descriptions: Established job descriptions for all employees at the Recycling Center.

Spreadsheet: Established a computerized spreadsheet to track all materials recycled throughout the year as well as the actual tonnage sent to the energy plant.

Norman Bowles received his Solid Waste Operator Certification. This certification program addressed a wide range of solid waste problems, including the handling of asbestos and other special wastes and the recognition of hazardous wastes. Also included were updates on changes in legislation pertaining to solid waste disposal.

The Committee took a field trip to the Recycling Trash-to-Energy Facility in Penacook. This facility safely disposes of up to 500 tons per day of municipal solid waste from 24 towns and 3 cities in southern and central New Hampshire. The Committee learned a great deal during this tour. We strongly recommended Canterbury residents to tour the facility.

A new used oil recycling station will be established in 1998. Canterbury received a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Used Oil program. This will allow us to recycle used oil and used oil filters. Please watch for further details.

The Committee is looking forward to 1998 with the hopes to further reduce the amount of waste produced in Canterbury. We would like to thank all residents for their dedication to recycle, reduce and reuse.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sharpe, Chairwoman

Bill McCallister, Co-Chairman

Steve Allman, Don Booth, Norman Bowles (Recycling Station Attendant), Steve Cohen, Kathy Fife, David Heath, Heidi Hutchinson, Regina Lamprey, Larry Phillips (Representative to Concord Regional Solid Waste/Recovery Cooperative, Phil Stone (Road Agent), Frank Tupper (Selectmen Liaison).

HISTORY OF THE CANTERBURY TOWN HALL (MEETING HOUSE)

The charter for the Town of Canterbury was executed by John Wentworth, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief over the province of New Hampshire, on May 20, 1727. This document contained, among other things, several requirements that had to be fulfilled by the original proprietors in order for them to be able to keep the property deeded to them in the charter. First, within three years, seventy homes had to be built, with a family settled in each one. Also within this time frame, each home had to have at least three acres of land cleared for farming. Each proprietor, whether he settled in Canterbury or not, had to agree to pay his fair share of expenses for the new settlement as often as was necessary. Second, a meeting house for the public worship of God had to be built within four years. The third and fourth requirements dealt with the disposition of the land of any delinquent proprietor and also the reserving of some land for a school and a minister.

In May of 1731, a committee was chosen to arrange for the building of a meeting house, and in July 1731, it was voted to leave the size of the building to this committee's discretion.

By a petition dated February 25, 1741-42, Samuel Adams and Thomas Young (agents for the proprietors) indicated to Governor Benning Wentworth that the inhabitants were doing fairly well and had constructed a meeting house. It is believed that the meeting house they referred to in this petition was a log structure that was located about one half of a mile south of the Center and was believed to have been used for worship from around 1736. In June of 1736, the sum of fifty pounds was approved to support a ministry until March of the following year. Much later, at the annual meeting held in 1744, the proprietors voted to build a fort with the funds originally intended for construction of a meeting house. At this time, they also voted to postpone the construction of the meeting house until the following year. The settlers were apparently not too concerned with Indian hostilities prior to this time until the start of King George's War in 1744. During the various wars between the French and English during this period, marauding Indians on the side of the French caused the construction of a fort to become a priority. The next meeting to address the issue of the

meeting house was held in 1750 at the residence of Captain Jeremiah Clough. This was not a regular annual meeting but it apparently spurred some action on the meeting house issue. In 1752, one hundred acres of common and undivided land of the proprietors was sold at auction to a James Lindsey for 320 pounds. These newly raised funds would be used for building the meeting house. The records show that the structure was not officially "accepted" until 1756. However, it is believed that the annual meeting of 1753 was held at this meeting house, now known as the Canterbury Town Hall. After "acceptance" of the meeting house, a committee was formed to lay out the "pew ground" and sell it at public vendue". The sale took place at the home of Samuel Moore and each purchaser had to construct his own pew in a workmanlike manner within 2 years. The funds from this sale of "pew ground" were used to complete the inside detail work of the structure, which included a pulpit, a parsonage pew and other interior finishing.

The meeting house was now known as the Town Hall still stands as the only public structure from our town's colonization period. It is a treasured historical reminder of the struggles endured by the pioneers of this land. Looking forward, we can only hope that future generations of residents will continue to respect and preserve this wonderful reminder of our modest beginnings.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Vegter-Shephard
Vice-President
Canterbury Historical Society

(The source for this report was Lyford's History of The Town of Canterbury, first published in 1912.)

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1/28/97	Concord	Catherine Witschonke	Nathaniel Haines Witschonke	Mary Catherine Fifield
2/6/97	Laconia	Pamela Martika Guzman-Geraldino	Carlos Guzman-Geraldino	Pamela Jean Dicey
3/30/97	Laconia	Jeffrey Michael Skeats	James Michael Skeats	Roberta Anne Walshaw
4/6/97	Concord	Elke Takara Hopkins	Joshua Stockwell Hopkins	Nanci Roos Hamilton
4/10/97	Concord	Malia Rose Lundahl	Steven Mark Lundahl	Kathryn Rose Southworth
4/11/97	Laconia	Johnathan Matthew Child	Loring Richard Child	Paula Lyn Rachdorf
5/8/97	Concord	Emily Laurie Rauseo	David Stephen Rauseao	Laurie Margaret Hagan
6/18/97	Concord	Andrew Charles Bragg	Kevin Andrew Bragg	Daphne Diane Paige
6/24/97	Concord	Jesse McFarland Miller	James Hebert Miller	Donna Lynn Grusell
7/23/97	Concord	Rebecca Morgan Maxfield	Frank Arnold Maxfield	Kerri Etta Lamprey
7/29/97	Concord	Jacob Edward Fox	Matthew Sheahan Fox	Wendy Ogley
8/20/97	Concord	Katie Marie Whitehead	Mark Dana Whitehead	Tammy Lynn Peters
8/25/97	Concord	Elizabeth Anne Whitcomb Doherty	Robert Green Doherty	Lisa Kay Whitcomb
9/4/97	Concord	Benjamin Lane Van Cleave	Andrew Lane Van Cleave	Lynn Allison Barry
11/28/97	Concord	MacKenzie Lynn Hoover	John B. Hoover	Linda June Scholes
12/10/97	Concord	Lars Erik Ljungholm	Lars-Erik Josef Ljungholm	Kellie Patricia Molway
12/18/97	Lebanon	Emily Michelle Ennis	Christopher Richard Enis	Traci Lynn Hanscom

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl A. Gordon
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Residence
3/15/97	Stephen Dexter Blackmer	Canterbury, NH
	Kelley Marguerita Short	Canterbury, NH
4/18/97	David John Ewing	Canterbury, NH
	Jennifer Ellen Russell	Canterbury, NH
6/28/97	Mark Dana Whitehead	Canterbury, NH
	Tammy Lynn Peters	Canterbury, NH
8/16/97	Michael Camile Blais	Canterbury, NH
	Diane M. Bailey	Canterbury, NH
8/22/97	John Henry Smith IV	Canterbury, NH
	Kelley Ann LaBrie	Canterbury, NH
8/23/97	Eric Joseph Petit	Canterbury, NH
	Danielle Renee Duquette	Concord, NH
8/30/97	John Ernest Whitcomb	Northfield, NH
	Lori Ann Rice	Canterbury, NH
9/6/97	James Alan Sojka	Canterbury, NH
	Denise Claire Bergevin	Canterbury, NH
10/11/97	Ronald M. Litalien	Canterbury, NH
	Virginia C. Bouchard	Canterbury, NH
12/31/97	Charles Matthew Azotea	Canterbury, NH
	Jane Marie Dale	Canterbury, NH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl A. Gordon

Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Name of Mother
2/6/97	Concord	James E. Boles	Ralph M. Boles	Irene Blanchard
3/1/97	Concord	Phillip D. Cochrane	Frank E. Cochrane	Marian B. McLerin
3/19/97	Tilton	Vernon P. Girard	Frederick Girard	Mary L. Larrow
4/29/97	Concord	Linwood A. Rogers	Arthur L. Rogers	Eugenie M. Laronger
5/25/97	Canterbury	David A. Killing	David Killing	Margaret Plum
7/15/97	Manchester	Steven M. Angwin	Paul H. Angwin	Rachel G. Densmore
7/25/97	Canterbury	Carl Daniel Russell	Thomas E. Russell Jr.	Jennie Ficek
8/15/97	Canterbury	Robert Joseph Raymond Jr.	Robert J. Raymond	Grace M. Pollinger
8/24/97	Concord	Brian D. Hutchinson	Kevin B. Hutchinson	Jan Eggleston
9/9/97	Concord	Russell Eugene Greenfield	Unknown	Eva Frances Unknown
9/24/97	Littleton	Virginia L. Maxfield	Fred L. Davis	Isabelle Palmer
10/26/97	Canterbury	Mildred S. Wilson	George Briggs	Nathlie Fife
10/26/97	Canterbury	John P. Goegel	John Goegel	Suesan Simon
11/11/97	Boscawen	Adeline Edith Fife	Glen Shattuck	Laura Noel
12/2/97	Concord	Gary L. Nelson	Elmer Nelson	Carol Ludden

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl A. Gordon
Town Clerk

CANTERBURY COMPUTER COMMITTEE

At 1997 Town Meeting, it was voted to establish a computer committee to ". . . develop a plan to coordinate the purchase, installation and maintenance of computers for various town departments, said plan to be presented to the Selectmen for implementation." To that end, we have inventoried the systems presently used by the Town, met with representatives of the various town offices and organizations, determined the needs of those people and developed a three year plan to upgrade computer systems and to automate functions that presently require intense manual functions.

Along with our goals to automate, we were also very aware of the cost impact on the Town. Our aim was to see if we could economically achieve productivity gains and increase communication through the use of technology. Our proposal is to utilize what we already have to the fullest extent possible, use volunteers for installation and training, and only purchase those things that are absolutely necessary. We determined the best place to start is in the town office and to integrate other functions to the office at a later time.

Because the Police Department has unique needs for security of its data, it should not be integrated into a common town computer system at this time. However, we feel the Department needs a computer now to help relieve tedious paper work and allow more time for patrolling and other law enforcement work. We will work with Chief Miller to provide whatever technical assistance he requires.

Since there is a reasonable chance that the State will provide us a free computer for vehicle registration and vital statistic purposes, we felt it wise to delay expenditures as much as possible until it is determined what the exact configuration of that computer will be and how much spare capacity it will have for other town office work. We expect that determination to be made later this year.

In the meantime, we have proposed first year functions such as automation of bill payments, putting town inventories on the computer, and providing data backup to protect the investment we already have made. We have also received a donation of memory for the existing town computer. This additional memory has greatly increased the efficiency of that machine. These efforts cost

little and provide assistance in the town office and a benefit to the people of Canterbury.

In subsequent years we will review software used by other towns to make their operations more efficient, determine if an additional computer is needed in the town office, review establishing a town E-MAIL account and begin the process of storing current Town records on the computer. We also feel the great historical legacy of Canterbury needs to be preserved in a form protected from fire and other destructive elements. We will study and recommend ways to put our history on the computer for the benefit of future generations.

Respectfully Submitted

Chuck DeGrace